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SENATOR BEUTLER: We don't have anybody, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do we need anybody?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I believe we do, yes. That is the purpose of the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: (No response).

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell. . . DeCamp, go ahead.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members, I'm sure that the accountants are well-intended, they are sincere and I'm sure Senator Beutler is. In having said all of those preparatory things I would. . . I'm going to vote against raising the bill and let me tell you what happened in committee so you know where I am coming from. The Banking, Commerce, Insurance Committee had the accountants come in on their sunset bill and Senator Remmers remembers, Senator Clark, Senator Newell, we were all a little amazed because we kind of got the impression the accountants wanted...wanted to really kind of put everybody out of business except them, I mean everybody. The committee just decided, hey, we are going to take a second look at this and you remember what happened. We killed their bill and then we raised it out here on the floor because we found technically we have to use that bill and we are going to have an interim study and we are going to hopefully, I think, do a pretty good job. But we are going to look at the whole picture. If you are in outstate Nebraska, as you well know, we don't have just eight million certified public accountants, we use general accountants, or whatever their proper name is, and we got the impression that maybe the accountants, the CPAs have to sit down with the committee and look at this whole picture in a reasonable fashion and for that reason we were reluctant to allow this bill, and I think that is why some of them voted against it originally or voted to kill it, we were reluctant to allow it to march ahead in any form because we thought it was time we just sit down and look at the whole picture without having a stray bill over here that could go awry or something else, for that reason I suggest you leave it dead. We are going to treat them good and we are going to treat them fair. We are also going to treat the State of Nebraska fair and the system of accounting as it exists out there and if you give us a shot at it and I think we will be more than fair.